

High Holidays 5760

Once again, all high holiday services, with the exception of second day Rosh Hashanah, will be held at the Herbst Theater at 401 Van Ness Avenue at McAllister Street. Second day Rosh Hashanah services will be held at Sha'ar Zahav.

Ticket Policy

Tickets will be required for Rosh Hashanah evening service, for Kol Nidre (Yom Kippur evening service) and for Yizkor/Neilah (concluding services on Yom Kippur day). We will not require tickets for any other services, including morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All members in good standing should have received their tickets. Call the office immediately if you have not. All guest seats will be in the main sanctuary.

Onegs and Break Fast

Please join us for an oneg following erev Rosh Hashanah services. In place of an oneg after Rosh Hashanah morning services, bring a bag lunch and join us at Fort Point for a Seudat (meal) Mitzvah Picnic prior to Tashlich, where we will symbolically cast our sins into the sea. Maps will be available at Rosh Hashanah services. Services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg. There will be a break fast at the conclusion of Neilah.

AIDS Food Drive

One of the reasons we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind ourselves of the hunger of those in need. As we have for the past ten years, CSZ will collect non-perishable food for Project Open Hand at Kol Nidre and through noon on Yom Kippur. Please bring a bag of food items as part of your Yom Kippur observance.

Children's Services

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, CSZ will hold children's services for various age groups concurrent with our other services. Kadimah will also hold age-appropriate high holiday programming for school-age children.

Child Care

Child care will be available for children under age five for Yizkor/Neilah and for all evening and morning

services with the exception of second day Rosh Hashanah. This year, in addition to hiring child care workers, we will organize a parent co-op. Advance reservations should have been made to ensure enough adult supervision and to avoid overcrowding. Child care will not be provided for children without advance reservations, and there will be no play areas outside of child care.

Child care will not be available for infants who cannot sit up by themselves. A section of the sanctuary with convenient access to the lobby will be reserved for people with small children.

Dinners

La'atid will host a community dinner prior to services on the first night of Rosh Hashanah and prior to the beginning of Yom Kippur. If you would like to join us for dinner, reservations will be required in advance to the CSZ office.

Begin the New Year with a Mitzvah

CSZ's high holiday services take place only with an inordinate amount of volunteer time and effort. Enhance your observance of the holidays by volunteering, even if only for an hour. We need people to usher, help with child care, assist with the Yom Kippur Food Drive and help set up the onegs and break fast. There are many volunteer opportunities during the holidays; please call the office for more information or to sign up.

Rabbinic Services Available

Even though we are currently without a rabbi, the congregation can still provide support to you if you are ill, planning a life-cycle event, or in need of counseling or other rabbinic services. Please call the office and we will be happy to refer you to someone who can assist.

5760 Tishri Holiday Schedule

- *Erev Rosh Hashanah*
Friday, September 10, 7:30 pm
- *First Day Rosh Hashanah*
Saturday, September 11, 9:30 am
- *Second Day Rosh Hashanah*
Sunday, September 12, 9:30 am

- *Kol Nidre*
Sunday, September 19, 7:30 pm
- *Yom Kippur*
Monday, September 20
 - Shacharit/Musaf, 9:30 am
 - Mincha, 3:30 pm
 - Remembrance of the Names, 4:30 pm
 - Yizkor, 5:45 pm
 - Neilah, 6:30 pm

- *Erev Sukkot and Sukkot*
Friday, September 24 –
Friday, October 1

- *Erev Simchat Torah and Simchat Torah*
Friday, October 1
Saturday, October 2

Yom Kippur Learning

—Ron Edelman, Adult Education/
Talmud Torah Co-Chair

In keeping with past years, the Adult Education/Talmud Torah Committee will sponsor several events on Yom Kippur during the break between Musaf and Mincha. These will include a Torah study group, a Jewish meditation class, an outdoor/nature event and an arts and crafts project. We also hope to set up a physical movement participatory event and a journal writing/teshuva project.

For more information on these events or if you would like to lead a class or workshop on Yom Kippur afternoon, please contact Ron Edelman (ronwizrd@slip.net).

President's Column

Don't Read This Column*

If you were our guest last year during the High Holidays, you will remember our excitement at the prospect of moving into our beautiful new synagogue at 16th and Dolores. Since then the dream has become a reality, a warm and welcoming sanctuary in every sense of the word—a place to study, schmooze, pray, eat, celebrate and remember. I welcome you on behalf all of our members. Join us not just as an honored guest—although you will always be welcomed as such—but as a new member of our congregation, and as a full participant in our community.



David Gellman

Stop by on any Friday night or Saturday morning. You will find a congregation of over 425 households, more than 550 adults and 140 children; a congregation that produces cantorial and rabbinical students at an astonishing rate; a community that continues to develop prayer books, Haggadot and other texts recognized worldwide as models of progressive, gender-inclusive liturgy. We provide schooling for our children; continuing Jewish education for adults; weddings, baby namings, bar/bat mitzvot, conversion and funeral ceremonies; outreach to the community; AIDS/HIV support; assistance to the ill and elderly; and social programming for hikers, music-lovers, dancers, gourmets, activists and couch latkes.

We have been a congregation for 22 years. We honor our traditions while creating new ones. We draw upon the strengths and experiences of a diverse membership of women and men, of people from different backgrounds and perspectives, yet all sharing a common goal of support for our thriving Jewish community. We ask you to join us.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a full year of peace and happiness, of family and friends, and of membership with other Jews in a synagogue, a community, a home.

L'Shana Tova.

*If you are already a member.

Have You Made a Mishkan Pledge?

—Ellie Cohen, Capital Campaign Chair

Our new Mishkan is very special, but we still have expenses to pay. Are you a new Sha'ar Zahav member? Are you a seasoned member who hasn't given yet, but is now in a position to help out with a gift? If you have not given or pledged yet, we need your support today.

Help us pay off our long-term debt and make your tax-deductible contribution to our beautiful communal home and spiritual center. You can make payments on your pledge in one lump sum or over several years, paying monthly, quarterly or annually. Dedication opportunities are still available for gifts of \$10,000 or more.

Please take a moment during this High Holiday season and make your special gift to CSZ's Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign. For more information, please call the office or Ellie Cohen (455-0416).

Tikkun Olam Opportunities

Please help the CSZ Social Action/Tikkun Olam Committee to usher in 5760 with *gemilut chasidim*, or acts of loving kindness. On Sunday, September 5 from 10 am–1 pm, CSZ members will deliver holiday baskets to homebound elderly, disabled and HIV+ clients of Jewish Family and Children's Service. We will meet at 2245 Post between Scott and Davis.

On Friday, September 17, from 1–4 pm, CSZ will sponsor a pre-Yom Kippur lunch for Jewish elderly living in the Tenderloin. Bring some joy and the true spirit of the holidays to this community.

To participate in either event, please RSVP to Program Director Dahlia Gross (575-4961) or to the main synagogue office.

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Yom Kippur: Annulling the Evil Decrees

—Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

Our ancestors believed that Yom Kippur was literally the Day of Judgment, when the names of all living beings were sealed in the books of life and of death for the next year. They gathered to greet the darkening cusp of this fearful day with the Kol Nidre, an ancient formula that is neither a prayer, nor a blessing, nor a hymn. We, with a certain mixture of awe and embarrassment, still begin every Yom Kippur fast with the same cryptic text, one that asserts the individual's authority to annul in advance any and all vows to an unmentioned God. Our confused attitudes mirror uncertainty about the meaning and value of the Kol Nidre. Why do we repeat these words? What can we learn from them?

According to Rabbi Stuart Weinberg Gershon, the Kol Nidre was originally a legal formula for the nullification of unfulfilled religious vows, meant to avert a heavenly death-sentence. Such vows were a normal part of the religious life of ancient peoples, discussed several times in the Torah. They included promises to make donations or pilgrimages that sometimes later proved impossible, or to temporarily refrain from various activities, that sometimes later became unavoidable. The Torah warns that anyone who fails to live up to a vow will be guilty before God. Thus vows and curses were inextricably connected: as can happen with broken promises between people, an unfulfilled vow became a curse.

Major Jewish communities and authorities existed for 2,500 years in Babylonia. The language of the Kol Nidre parallels that used by the Babylonians in magical incantations meant to nullify the curses that people involved in disputes regularly cast against each other. Believing as they did in the creative power of words, they used spells as weapons against temporary enemies. Calming down later, a former disputant would inscribe a counter-spell on a bowl which, when broken, had the presumed effect of cancelling the original curse. It is these broken bowls that contain the language on which our Kol Nidre may be based.

The idea of being able to take back curses must have appealed greatly to the ancient rabbis, whose liturgy and

philosophy elaborated many rules concerning acceptable speech. However, the rabbis reoriented the direction of the formula and narrowed its application. Instead of cancelling past vows, the Kol Nidre annuls in advance any that we may undertake in the coming year. It turns the congregation's attention forward, assuming a community's, if not always an individual's, future.

Equally important, the Kol Nidre cancels only vows to God. When we promise and then disappoint each other, no formula, in advance or afterwards, grants absolution. The Talmud tells us that there is no atonement for the harm we do each other except by making direct amends to the injured party.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner defines a grudge as the memory of being wronged, unaccompanied by confrontation or by willingness to forgive. A grudge held long enough becomes a curse, as proved by the on-going bloody retaliations that constitute recent history in the Balkans. The acts of speech that can cancel a grudge before it becomes a curse are not magical but practical: confronting those who wrong us rather than hiding from them; asking forgiveness for the wrongs we have done, even to those who have also wronged us; offering forgiveness, or at least forbearance, whenever possible. Even harder than speech, cancelling a curse can mean silence, putting out of our thoughts any wrong for which confrontation or reconciliation is impossible.

The Kol Nidre's value for us is not magical, but instructive. It can make us aware of the power of words to curse and to bless, of the power of disappointment and of fulfillment. Reciting the Kol Nidre symbolizes both a realistic assessment of ourselves and optimism about our intentions. We know we will speak unwisely in the coming year; we may promise too much; we may unnecessarily hurt each other; but we wish in advance that our careless or misguided words will bring no lasting harm. As the Kol Nidre looks forward, so should we, holding the memory of this intention, letting it make us all more patient with one another's imperfections, this year and every year.

Annual Cemetery Visit

—Richard Inlander, Cemetery Chair

Sunday, September 5, at 10 am, we will conduct our annual visit to the congregational cemetery at Hills of Eternity in Colma. It is Jewish custom to visit the cemetery at the High Holidays; this year at CSZ we pay our respects to the deceased on the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah.

Our visit entails a very brief, intimate service in which we read the names of our deceased members and have an opportunity to recall all our loved ones who have died.

The service is followed by a light picnic breakfast provided by the Cemetery Committee. We will conclude by 11 am or so.

For more information, please contact a member of our Cemetery Committee through the synagogue office.

Welcome Interim Educator

We are excited to welcome Elise Fineberg to CSZ as our Interim Educator. While David Shneer is on a leave of absence, we are lucky to have Elise join us, fresh from Austin, Texas.

Elise brings to CSZ a considerable amount of experience working with young people. She was a lifer at Greene Family Camp (UAHC's Reform camp in Texas), both as a camper and staff member. She led Greene's teen tour to Israel a few summers ago and went on to direct the camp's awesome Ropes Course. She has also been a temple youth group advisor and Hebrew school teacher. Most recently, Elise worked as the program director for the Junior League Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program, an academic program which works to increase the representation of Hispanic females in higher education.

In her free time, Elise enjoys spending time with her partner Analisa, listening to music, playing outdoors and acting silly with her two cats. Please take a moment to help Elise feel welcome by giving her a call in the Education Office (575-4962). She would love to hear from you and is anxious to become a part of Kadimah and the CSZ family.

June Va'ad Minutes

—Joe Hample, 1998-1999 Recorder

Sara Haber gave the devar torah, reflecting on the 12 scouts sent to reconnoiter the Promised Land (Numbers 13-14). Some of the scouts doubted that the Israelites could find a place in the land, but others trusted that God's will would prevail. The Va'ad faces daunting challenges, like the generation in the desert, but tries to meet them with courage and decency like the righteous scouts Caleb and Joshua.

President David Gellman introduced new staff members. Elise Feinberg is the Interim Educator, filling in for David Shneer, who's on sabbatical. (See article on page 3.) Dahlia Gross is the new Program Director. She hopes to galvanize the Bikkur Cholim and Adult Education committees.

Administrator Lea Salem reported that CSZ's annual leadership "Advance" (retreat) will be held at Saratoga Springs, near Ukiah, August 6-8; High Holidays will be held at Herbst Theatre, September 10-20; and the biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) will be held in Orlando, Florida, December 16-19. She encouraged new Va'ad members to be visible and vocal.

David Gellman reported that the Rabbi Search Committee is active. The chairs are Diana Buchbinder and Alex Ingersoll. Quite separate is the search for an interim rabbi, who will be hired by CSZ officers and will serve in a fairly limited role, for up to a year. The interim rabbi will not be eligible to be our permanent rabbi.

A group headed by Eloise Magenheimer is examining the process used in the decision not to renew Rabbi Litman's contract; similar discussions will take place at the Advance, and by members of the Rabbi Search Committee.

Treasurer Arthur Slepian reported that the budget deficit was greater than anticipated as of April. Expenses were up last year, especially for High Holidays and for moving the office. Things look better for June. Dues letters are out, with information about how money is spent and a plea for extra generosity. Payments should start coming in. The Finance Committee is working on a different format for presenting assets, separating out non-monetary assets and grouping restricted funds into six categories for clarity

and easier fundraising. Jacob Rothman is working on a fundraising brochure for the High Holidays. Synagogue expenses tend to be invariable: let's focus on increasing revenues.

For the Membership Committee, Sara Haber circulated the greeter list and explained greeter duty for newcomers to the Va'ad. Greeters arrive early, distribute nametags and prayerbooks, and welcome and seat worshippers. Though there are three greeters at services (at least on Friday nights), the Va'ad greeter is ultimately responsible for and must be the last person out of the building, except for paid staff. Two new applicants were proposed for membership; the Va'ad approved unanimously.

A closed session followed. We then sang Oseh Shalom and adjourned.

Fiction Connection

—Bill Goldstein

Want to read a good book with friends? The Fiction Connection welcomes all of you to share the enjoyment of Jewish and gay fiction. Each month we decide where and when to meet to discuss (delight in, debate, pick-to-pieces. . .) a work of fiction. In September and October, we will be examining two little known gems of mystery and detection. On September 23, we'll talk about *The Lesson* by Melanie McAllester. In October, the choice is *A Certain Discontent* by Cleve Boutell. Oh, and one more thing, we always meet for dinner or a potluck; even if the book is not to our liking, the food and smoozing is great! Contact Bill Goldstein (510/793-4283) and we will set a place for you at the table.

Folsom Street Fair

Going to the Folsom Street Fair? You could do a mitzvah staffing the CSZ booth for an hour or so with members of Dor Rishon. You do a good deed, raise money and recognition for Sha'ar Zahav, meet new people and enjoy the sights from a great spot! Contact Dahlia Gross in the Program Office (575-4961) or call the main office line for more details or to sign up. The Folsom Street Fair is Sunday, September 26. Did you know the fair draws more visitors than any other San Francisco event except Gay Pride?

ASL at CSZ

—Richard Inlander

If you attended Shabbat evening services on Gay Pride weekend, or the last Friday of any month since then, you couldn't help but notice something new at Sha'ar Zahav—sign language interpretation of our services. The Va'ad has approved an experimental one-year program—funding American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting for one service each month, for the major High Holiday services and for selected meetings and events throughout the year, as requested by our Deaf and hard-of-hearing members.

The program already shows signs of success, as we have attracted to interpreted services a number of Deaf former members who left the congregation because they felt isolated. In order to ensure their welcome, we are asking the interpreter to stay for the Oneg Shabbat and facilitate communication there.

Sha'ar Zahav, which rightly prides itself on being welcoming and accessible, is now more accessible to an entire segment of the GLBT Jewish community. Please make a point of welcoming our new Deaf and hard-of-hearing members, potential members and their guests. And please spread the word to your friends and relatives who may be Deaf or hard-of-hearing or who know someone who is.

Is "Deaf" PC?

Like all other groups, the members of the Deaf community do not agree on all things. But, generally speaking, people who are deaf (do not hear) refer to themselves and prefer to be referred to as "Deaf" with a capital "D" which connotes a member of the Deaf community. Most modern Deaf people, whether they think of themselves as disabled or not (many do not), view themselves as members of a language group; that is, people who use ASL, some as their first language. They do not view themselves, and should not be referred to, as "impaired." You will not go wrong saying "Deaf and hard-of-hearing," but you will undoubtedly find people with other preferences.

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Shul Shopping?

—Joe Hample, *Membership Chair*
If you've attended CSZ but have never joined, or if you've always meant to check it out, please come to our Prospective Member Havdalah in the CSZ Sukkah on Saturday, September 25, at 7 pm. We'll start with a brief ritual to say goodbye to Shabbat. You can then enjoy dessert in a casual setting and have the chance to schmooze with seasoned members who can answer your questions.

Already a member? We want you too! Drop in, share the Sukkah and help our community grow by welcoming visitors. Invite your friends, especially those who may be searching for a spiritual home.

Please call the office (861-6932) to RSVP or for more information.

Bikkur Cholim Needs You

Bikkur Cholim is the mitzvah of visiting the sick, an important commandment in our tradition. For many years, Sha'ar Zahav had an active Bikkur Cholim Committee that provided support to the ill in our congregation and assisted with a number of very appreciated programs serving the gay and Jewish communities. In recent years, however, as committee members have become ill or moved on, our Bikkur Cholim Committee has become inactive.

In July, a number of congregants, including past members of the committee, met with CSZ Program Director Dahlia Gross to discuss how to re-establish a program that addresses this important mitzvah. The group has now met twice and is committed to moving ahead. We have agreed that, at least initially, we will focus on addressing the needs of the ill in our congregation.

We are hoping to bring in participants from all parts of the Bay Area, so that we may better serve the needs of the entire membership. Please consider the work of Bikkur Cholim as you greet the New Year. Contact Allan Berenstein (863-8033), Rachel Maclachlan (664-2550), or Dahlia Gross in the programming office (575-4961).



Don't Forget!

Please drop toiletry items into the big red bin for our homeless neighbors!

Sukkot:

"You Shall Have Nothing But Joy"

Sukkot, at roughly the fall equinox, traditionally brings in the harvest and closes the agricultural season.

Building and decorating the Sukkah will take place on Wednesday September 22. (Call the office for time and location.) Bring your friends and your family. It is a mitzvah to spend time in the Sukkah. In today's world, we often run around all day and come together only at night. Why not meet in the Sukkah? Bring your dinner and your sense of adventure and eat under San Francisco's moonlit sky.

The CSZ community Sukkah will be sponsored each night by a different committee. There will be someone there to let you in and to provide a bit of spiritual food for thought. Following is a tentative schedule of activities and/or hosting committees:

- *Friday, September 24*—CSZ-hosted Shabbat potluck
- *Saturday, September 25*—Prospective Members Havdalah
- *Sunday, September 26*—Baby Group brunch
- *Monday, September 27*—Bikkur Cholim hosting Russian immigrants
- *Tuesday, September 28*—Adult Education/Talmud Torah teaching *ushpizim*
- *Wednesday, September 29*—Kadimah and families
- *Thursday, September 30*—Newsletter community potluck

Kadimah Corner

—Elise Fineberg, *Interim Educator*
The beginning of a new school year is right around the corner, and your Educator and teachers are hard at work preparing what is sure to be an awesome year for all Kadimah classes. Wednesday classes (for kitot dalet, gimel and hay) begin on September 15, and Saturday classes (for everyone) begin on September 18. For the high holidays, we'll meet on Saturday, September 11 and Monday, September 20. If you have not signed up for these classes, please call the CSZ office as soon as possible.

July Va'ad Minutes

—Sue Bojdak, Recorder

Rob Tat gave the devar torah, commenting on Rabbi Eleazer Finkelman's "Torah Thoughts" in the *Jewish Bulletin*, in which Moses reflects on the journeys of the new Jewish people.

Membership Chair Joe Hample reported on the recent access and activities surveys. There were 50 responses to the activities survey. One result is that we will begin having American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation on the last Friday of the month. In addition, Joe reported that a scent-free area will be considered. CSZ staff are following up with congregants interested in committee work.

Tiela Chalmers reported on the Ritual Committee's work on creating guidelines for children at services. The Va'ad voted to adopt Tiela's draft, with minor adjustments, as a provisional policy, inviting feedback. The document will be mailed to all members. The Va'ad will take a final vote at the October Va'ad meeting.

Administrator Lea Salem presented a proposal that a local Mennonite community rent our building for Sunday morning worship and fellowship from 9:30 until noon on an on-going basis for \$500/month. The community numbers about 45 and would use the sanctuary, oneg room and childcare room plus a few shelves of storage. The Va'ad authorized pursuing a contract with the Mennonites to rent our space on an interim basis for \$500/month, with a statement about the limitations of any commitment.

Eloise Magenheimer and Nancy Kates presented on town hall meetings, which they recently initiated as an opportunity for members to explore their feelings, questions and concerns about the recent decision not to renew Rabbi Litman's contract and about the structure of synagogue leadership. The Va'ad voted to support the on-going activities of the congregants who have initiated town hall meetings. Eloise graciously agreed to continue to coordinate the meetings.

Sarita Groisser reported on the Advance planning. The Advance will have a looser agenda than normal and be focused on where we are after the decision not to renew Rabbi Litman's contract. Lea reported that 65 people have signed up.

Dahlia Gross gave the Program Director's report. Planning is going well for Adult Education, Bikkur Cholim and Tot Shabbat. Israeli dancing is receiving a good response. Tot Shabbat and the Baby Chavurah are strong, although Baby Chavurah needs a chair. La'atid is hiking again. Dor Rishon Friday dinners are a success. Social Action's regular monthly programs continue. The Tu B'Av party planning is going swimmingly, complete with couples for the newlywed game.

Diana Buchbinder reported on the Rabbi Search Committee. To date, it has reviewed the previous process and established what is public information and what is not. The committee will conduct town hall meetings in August and September and meet twice monthly until January. The search should accelerate in January. The committee is receiving support from Rabbi Berk of the UAHC.

Upon President David Gellman's motion, the Va'ad approved a \$250 donation to Congregation B'nai Israel in Sacramento in support of their recovery from the recent arson attack on their synagogue.

Jacob Rothman delivered the Finance Committee report. We are currently \$24-25,000 over budget for this time of year. This margin was anticipated. The Finance Committee is beginning an exploratory discussion of dues changes, particularly focused on monitoring and collection issues.

Lea Salem appreciated the Personnel Committee for rapidly hiring great new staff members in Dahlia and Elise. Lea handed out the new synagogue brochure. Lea also handed out information on next year's World Conference of LGBT Jews and encouraged interested parties to talk with David Gellman about attending the National UAHC Biennial in December in Orlando, Florida.

Lea also delivered the Membership Committee report. Four new households were unanimously approved as new members. Ten households have resigned for various reasons. Membership is doing exit interviews with resigning members and each resigning household is getting a personal response to their resignation.

Lay Leadership on the Bimah

—Lyssa Friedman, Ritual Chair

One of CSZ's core values is our commitment to lay leadership on the bimah. And the diversity on the bimah represents the diversity of the congregation.

Some service leaders were yeshivah-trained; others are Jews by choice. Some sing or play instruments; others feel comfortable leading spoken prayer. Some are fluent in Hebrew; others read transliteration. Most of us learned "on the job," and our styles have developed with our experience. We share a love of ritual, of Torah and of learning.

The Ritual Committee has developed guidelines for everything from when it's important to announce page numbers to topics appropriate for sermons. We strive to know our strengths and to co-lead with service leaders whose talents complement our own. At each Ritual Committee meeting, we critique the previous month's services. During the "school year" we participate in education and development through our Service Leaders' Initiatives.

It is difficult to describe the joy many of us feel as we step onto the bimah. Each time we lean into the microphone and say "Shabbat Shalom," we are humbled. Few congregations give their members such access to the bimah. And with access comes an extraordinary opportunity to learn and to serve CSZ in ways few of us dreamed possible.

As always, we invite feedback regarding services and sermons. We ask that in the spirit of Shabbat, critique be withheld until after sundown on Saturday.

All synagogue members are welcome to help shape our ritual life by attending Ritual Committee meetings the last Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm, at the synagogue. Contact Lyssa Friedman (Lyssa1@pacbell.net).

Israeli Dancing

Join fellow CSZ members and others from the community at CSZ Israeli dance lessons. Classes will take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of September at 7:30 pm. If you are interested, please call Dahlia Gross (575-4961) or just show up! Please note that this class is participant-sponsored. Ongoing scheduling will depend on attendance in September.

Mishkan Dolores Matching Funds

—Tiela Chalmers, Mishkan Chair and
Ellie Cohen, Capital Campaign Chair

During the 1998 High Holiday season, we were deeply honored to have received matching funds from the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund (\$40,000) and the Columbia Foundation (\$10,000) to help us complete our new Mishkan.

Thanks to their generosity, hundreds of members and friends of CSZ were inspired to contribute an additional \$59,146 by the December 1, 1998 deadline. By exceeding the matching grant amount, we received a grand total of \$109,146 in pledges and gifts to the Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign. This was a timely blessing for CSZ—the donations poured in just when final bills for the completion of the building had to be paid.

As of May, 1999, \$1,832,458 has been donated or pledged to Mishkan Dolores. Roughly 89% of this came from 315 CSZ member households and 11% from family and community supporters. Every gift has made a difference. We sincerely thank all of you who donated money and/or time to make our campaign such a fabulous success.

HIV+ Support Group

The CSZ HIV+ Support Group is currently not holding support group meetings. The group still meets monthly for Shabbat dinners on the last Friday of every month however. The next Shabbat dinner will be on Friday, September 24. For more information or to RSVP, please call the CSZ office.

B'nai Mitzvah Mentorship Program

—Elise Fineberg, Interim Educator

CSZ has a tradition of pairing one of our prospective b'nai mitzvah students with an adult member of the congregation who works with the student as tutor, mentor and friend. We are currently recruiting tutors for our upcoming year. In addition, this year we have received a grant to create a training program to teach adults the skills they need to be a b'nai mitzvah mentor. Our program will begin in the fall and will include short, intensive courses on basic Hebrew skills, trope, how to teach children and an overview of the CSZ liturgy. We want to gauge interest in this exciting project. If you have always wanted to work with children but do not feel you have the Hebrew and Judaica skills to be a tutor, this program is meant for you. Please contact the Education Office or the main synagogue office for more information.

Tot Shabbat Calendar

Tot Shabbat takes place the fourth Saturday of every month at 10:30 am. The service and craft project are geared towards children approximately 2-5 years old. Services are interactive and completely parent/child led. Come join us!

- *September 25*—Eating and playing in the Sukkah
- *October 23*—Learn about Shabbat
- *November 27*—To be determined
- *December 25*—To be determined
- *January 22*—Tu B'Shevat, the holiday of trees

"Let's Get Running"

—Laura Lowe, Social Action/
Tikkun Olam Co-Chair

For the first time, CSZ will sponsor a team of dedicated runners, joggers and walkers for the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. The Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation is a volunteer organization devoted to raising and allocating funds for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Susan Goodman Koman died at the age of 36 from breast cancer. Her sister, Nancy Goodman Brinker, established the Foundation with a few hundred dollars of her own in 1982. The Foundation has grown to become a large national organization leading the fight for the advancement of medical assistance, detection and research. Each year, one of the Foundation's major fundraisers is the Race for the Cure, which takes place throughout the year in various large cities.

- The Race for the Cure will take place on October 17 at 8:30 am. You have plenty of time to get in shape and to raise funds.

- You have several ways to participate: You can run 5K (a little over three miles). You can run one mile. You can walk either distance. You can donate funds.

- Information will be available outside of the oneg room. There will also be a sign-up sheet.

- You can be part of the CSZ team. Call Dahlia Gross in the Program Office (575-4961) or Laura Lowe (247-2409) and sign up.

Although breast cancer is very prevalent in our community, we have never sponsored a team for the Race for the Cure. Help make our first year a roaring success. Let's get out there and run!

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Contributions

Adult Education Fund

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in honor of the wedding of Alyson Feldman and Donovan Somera.

Rabbi Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert, in honor of Renée Bauer and Jennifer Hirsch.

Rabbi Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert, in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn's receiving his Ph.D. and in honor of the publication of Dan Bellm's newest book of poetry.

AIDS Fund

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Alex Konski.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of David Kotch.

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Bikkur Cholim Fund

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in honor of the wedding of Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara.

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Rabbi Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert, in memory of Julie Gutterman.

Steven Wiesner, in memory of Alexander Berman, MD.

Chesir-Stein Music Fund

Paul Dickel, in honor of David Stein.

Children's Education Fund

Edmund Blaik, in memory of Gerard Chevalaz.

Sarita Groisser, in honor of the Sorokin family.

Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm, in honor of the birth of Adina Pearl and Ma'ayan Estere Barr Epstein.

Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm, in honor of Bette Fannie Hoch-Frohmman.

Nancy Meyer, in honor of the loving commitment of Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara.

Sharyn Saslasky, in honor of the wedding of Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara.

Rabbi Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert, in honor of the birth of Adina Pearl and Ma'ayan Estere Barr Epstein.

General Fund

Peter Barnes, in memory of Leo Barnes.

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Sadie Radetsky.

Rosalind Carol.

James Carlson, in memory of Jan Tuzzolino.

James Carlson, in honor of Pearl Funk's birthday.

James Carlson, in memory of Jan Tuzzolino and in honor of Jon Funk's birthday.

Martha Cohn, with prayers for David Stein's speedy recovery.

Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman, in honor of Diana Buchbinder, CSZ President 1997-1999.

Cole-Ovson Family, in memory of Julie Gutterman.

Bettie and Martin Cymrot, in appreciation of the congregation.

Tsvi and Ilana Bar David, in honor of Micah Barth-Rodger's becoming bar mitzvah.

Susan Diamond, in memory of Rachel Mailman.

Epstein-Barr Family, in honor of Rabbi Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert.

Louise and David Fox, in honor of Heather Fox.

Jonathan Funk, in memory of Joseph Wiseman.

Jonathan Funk and John Arnold, in memory of Alan Harap.

Victoria Hudson.

Ingrid and Frank Jonas.

Daniel Langholtz, in honor of Richard Inlander and with thanks for the Pride Shabbat Service with ASL interpretation.

Claudia Leed.

Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser, in honor of Rabbi Yoel Kahn's receiving his Ph.D. and his new position at Graduate Theological Union.

Ron Lezell, in honor of the wedding of Alan Ferrara and Allan Gold.

Merry Luskin and Meredith Florian, in honor of the marriage of Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara.

Muffie Meier, in honor of David's Gellman's becoming President of CSZ.

Charles Meltzer, in memory of Hannah Meltzer.

Nancy Meyer, in memory of Nelly Levy Meyer.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Harry Opal and Isaac Mintzer.

Perry Paker, in memory of Gussie Paker.

Mike Rankin.

Rose Family, in honor of the naming of Anya Prussin-Cormier.

Jill and Josh Rose, in honor of David Gellman's installation as President.

Elizabeth and Michael Schaffer.

Judy Schwartz and Carolyn Pines, in memory of Julie Gutterman.

Estie and Jim Sherman, in honor of Jeffrey Sherman.

Jeffrey Sherman, in memory of Dorothy Sanford.

Jeffrey Sherman, in memory of Miriam Kemp.

Mike Siani.

Carol and Russell Tat, in memory of Rose Irene Tat.

Robert K. Tat, in memory of Julie Gutterman.

Samuel Tucker, in memory of Ralph Lowenstein-Donnel.

Deborah Udin, in memory of Maxwell Kowek.

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Eli Weinstein, in memory of Albert Susman.

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Library Fund

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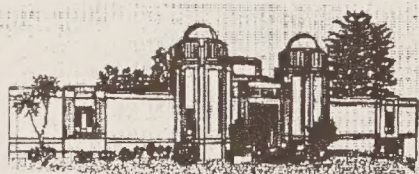
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GAY ISRAELI couple interested in renting a room or flat, ideally in Castro area for entire month of October—minor flexibility with dates. If interested, email jaysh@netvision.net.il or call 626-5748.

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Anne Bluethenthal and Mina Bluethenthal

Norma Faini-Pick

Clarissa Kripke and Gail Ludwig
Bill Mindlin

Ellen Murland, Barbara Rinkoff and
Sophie Rinkoff-Murland
Barry Schmell

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

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Bio-Ethics and Jews

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) is hosting a conference titled "Bio-Ethics and Sacred Decisions: Medical Technology, Liberal Judaism and Our Families," on Friday, October 8 through Monday, October 11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Francisco. Practitioners and liberal Jewish leaders will explore the Jewish faith and health care decisions on infertility, allocation of resources, health care reform, healing and care-giving options at the end of life.

The cost is \$360 per person. For more information, contact the UAHC Department of Jewish Family Concerns (212/650-4294 or deptjewfamcon@uahc.org).

Descendants of the Shoah

Descendants of the Shoah is a global non-profit membership organization forming to provide a means of communication for second and third generation descendants of Holocaust survivors. We will maintain and support the important work of the survivors, such as memorials, museums and Yom Hashoah observances. We will be a support for each other and a resource for Jewish communities. For more information, contact the organization (323/937-4974 or email darlenehop@aol.com).

Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Bob Gutterman and Paul Cohen, on the death of their sister-in-law, Julie Gutterman.

Tracey Berliner, on the death of her grandmother, Gloria Rojak.

Eli Weinstein, on the death of his uncle, Albert Susman.

Ann Aptaker, on the death of her friend, Leonard Stein.

Patricia Lin, on the death of her friend, Frank Kurer.

Lonnie Weiss, on the death of her friend, Desi Cox.

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These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in recent weeks:

- 7/2 **Dan Halpern**, in loving memory of his daughter, Sara Halpern.
- 7/23 **Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara**, in honor of their wedding and in loving memory of their mothers, Dorothy Tonn Gold and Willa Marshall Ferrara.
- 7/30 **Ed Blaik**, in honor of and in memory of his spouse, Gerard Chavalaz.
- 8/6 **Valerie Curtis, Yavn'ela Oline and their families**, in honor of their aufruf and wedding.
- 8/27 **Dan Langholtz**, in honor of CSZ having ASL interpreted Shabbat Services on a monthly basis.

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Anniversaries

- 1 Jeffrey Rubin and Frank Bush
- 4 Alan Michels and Laureen Ok Sun Kim
- 13 Sara and Dev Felder-Noily
- 13 Randy Heilbrunn and Lou Boudreau
- 17 Melissa and Ari Grossman-Naples
- 18 Julie Dorf and Jenni Olson
- 18 Alice Prussin and Smokey Cormier
- 19 Richard Inlander and Ben Schalit
- 23 Batya Kalis and Miriam Trentman
- 29 Shelley Eisenman and Julie Moed
- 30 Susan Unger and Pam Erwin

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Naches

To **Jonathan Pannor and Michael Watenpaugh**, on the birth of their son, Jacob Reuben Nelson Pannor Watenpaugh.

To **Alan Ferrara and Allan Gold**, on their wedding.

To **Yavn'ela Oline and Valerie Curtis**, on their wedding.

To **Lauren Augusta and Hilary Zaid**, on their wedding.

To **Nancy Kates**, on her new home.

To **Dan Bellm**, on the release of his new book, *One Hand on the Wheel*.

To **Rabbi Eric Weiss**, on the completion of a three year clinical training program in Spiritual Direction.

To **Mike Begley**, on his new position at the Commonwealth Club.

To **Jennifer Markowitz**, on her acceptance in Family Education Fellows.

To **Sharyn Saslafsky**, on her new position with PRWT Services, Inc.

To **Kyle West**, on his new position as Information Technology Trainer at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP.

To **Elizabeth Landsburg**, on her clerkship at the Federal District Court in Santa Fe.

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Where

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When

9/23 - 12/16/99, Thurs 7:00-8:45 pm
1/13 - 3/30/00, Thurs 7:00-8:45 pm

Instructors: Rabbi Helen Cohn, Rabbi Evan Goodman, Rabbi Stephen Kahn, Rabbi Yoel Kahn.

To register please contact Naomi Horowitz, Introduction to Judaism Registrar, at (415) 392-7080, ext. 17.

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2	Simma Lieberman
2	Jeff Nathanson
3	Nancy Halloran
7	Alvin H. Baum, Jr.
7	Richard Brand
8	Mindy Bokser
8	Ray Feinstein Cagan
8	Ellen Press
9	Jeremy Hoffman
9	Suzanne London
9	Edward Lopatin
9	Mark Weisman
10	Valerie Curtis
10	Sandy O'Neill
10	Maia Robinson
11	Lawrence Helman
12	Nicole Bloom
12	Robin Leonard
13	Eva Rosenbaum
13	William Snow
15	Mark Oliver
19	Lisa Hamburger
19	Robert Tat
20	Elizabeth Katz
20	Mark Klaiman
20	Dorothy Querido
21	Claire Hoch-Frohmman
22	Raena Frohlich
22	Roslyn Fuerman
23	Marianne Ades
24	Dari Flood
24	Mark Leno
24	David Weiss
26	Lauren Cuttler
26	Jeff Forman
26	Sophie Rinkoff-Murland
28	John Atteridg
28	Arthur Cohen
28	Jim Frazin
28	Ellen Goldstein
28	Daphne Stuart
29	Simon Glinsky
29	Judith Wolfe
30	Gary Birnbaum
30	Lisa Ochs



Members' Yahrzeits

1	John Golebowski
15	David Pierce
15	Frank Hyman
18	Penny Dachinger
19	Gershon Lieberman
25	Jeffrey Lewis Cohen
27	Drew Siegel
28	Rabbi Ben Marcus

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

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1 Wednesday
20 Elul

2 Thursday
21 Elul

3 Friday
22 Elul

- 6:30 pm, Early service, led by Ora Prochovnick
- 7:15 pm, Shofar rehearsal
- 7:19 pm, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Danny Kodmur and Henry Mach

4 Saturday
23 Elul

- Shabbat Nitzavim-Veyelekh
- 9:15 am, Torah study
 - 10 am Shabbat service, led by Ora Prochovnick
 - 9 pm, Selichot service, led by Nathan Robinson

5 Sunday
24 Elul

- 10 am, Cemetery visit
- 10 am, Social Action basket deliveries
- 1 pm, Klezmer band rehearsal

6 Monday
25 Elul

Labor Day, Office closed

7 Tuesday
26 Elul

- 7 pm, Ensemble rehearsal

8 Wednesday
27 Elul

- 7 pm, Newsletter editing
- 7:30 pm, Israeli dancing

9 Thursday
28 Elul

10 Friday
29 Elul

- 7:08 pm, Candle lighting
- 7:30 pm, Erev Rosh Hashanah service, Herbst Theater

11 Saturday
1 Tishri

- 9:30 am, Rosh Hashanah services, Herbst Theater
- 1:30 pm, Tashlich, Fort Point

12 Sunday
2 Tishri

- 9:30 am, Rosh Hashanah services, 290 Dolores
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout and proofreading

13 Monday
3 Tishri

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

14 Tuesday
4 Tishri

- 7 pm, Ensemble rehearsal

15 Wednesday
5 Tishri

- 4 pm, Kadimah Hebrew class

16 Thursday
6 Tishri

17 Friday
7 Tishri

- 1 pm, Social Action/Tikkun Olam Tenderloin Seniors lunch
- 6:57, Candle lighting
- 8:15 pm, East Bay service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service, led by Daniel Chesir and Brian Besser

18 Saturday
8 Tishri

- Shabbat Shuva
- 9:15 am, Torah study
 - 9:30 am, Kadimah
 - 10 am, Shabbat service, led by Daniel Chesir and Tiela Chalmers

19 Sunday
9 Tishri

- 7:30 am, Kol Nidre service, Herbst Theater

20 Monday
10 Tishri

- 9:30 am, Yom Kippur services, Herbst Theater

21 Tuesday
11 Tishri

22 Wednesday
12 Tishri

- Building the Sukkah
- 4 pm, Kadimah Hebrew class
 - 7:30 pm, Israeli dancing

23 Thursday
13 Tishri

- Fiction Connection, *The Lesson*
- 7 pm, Rabbi Search Committee open community meeting

24 Friday
14 Tishri

- Erev Sukkot
- 6:30 pm, Shabbat potluck in the Sukkah
 - 6:47 pm, Candle lighting
 - 8:15 pm, Shabbat Sukkot, led by Eileen Levy and Mark Gershman; ASL interpreted, Torah service

25 Saturday
15 Tishri

- Sukkot
- 9:15 am, Torah study
 - 9:30 am, Kadimah
 - 10 am, Shabbat service, led by Adam Sigal
 - 10:30 am, Tot Shabbat, Adler-Shoen Sukkah
 - 7 pm, Prospective Members Havdalah in the Sukkah

26 Sunday
16 Tishri

- Sukkot
- CSZ at the Folsom Street Fair
 - 11 am, Baby Chavurah bag brunch in the Sukkah

27 Monday
17 Tishri

- Sukkot
- 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim hosts Russian immigrants from Notre Dame Senior Center in the Sukkah

28 Tuesday
18 Tishri

- Sukkot
- 7 pm, Adult education teaching on *ushpizim* (hospitality) in the Sukkah

29 Wednesday
19 Tishri

- Sukkot
- 4 pm, Kadimah Hebrew class
 - 6 pm, Kadimah families in the Sukkah

30 Thursday
20 Tishri

- Sukkot
- 7 pm, Newsletter Committee hosts community potluck in the Sukkah

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

East Bay Service

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